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# Media Release



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## \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

The deceased victim in this incident has been identified as **44-year old Tucson resident Anthony Ramirez**. Next of kin have been notified. Detectives from the Homicide Unit have worked tirelessly throughout the day in an effort to determine the motive and suspect(s) for the crime. The party that the victims had attended in the 4500 Block of East 26<sup>th</sup> Street was a Halloween party, but was not especially large. Again, anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to call 911 or 88-Crime.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – October 30, 2011

## HOMICIDE 4500 BLOCK EAST 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET

On October 30, 2011 at approximately 1:52 a.m. the Tucson Police Department received several 911 calls indicting that a shooting incident had occurred in the 4500 Block of East 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area, arriving within 5 minutes. Upon arrival, the officers encountered several individuals in the street. They also found a male that appeared to be suffering from apparent gunshot trauma, lying in the street. A patrol officer checked the male, described as a **44-year old Hispanic male**, for signs of life and, finding none, they ultimately pronounced him deceased. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit as well as the Night Detectives Unit responded to the area to further the investigation. They collected evidence and interviewed various witnesses at the scene. Initial indications were that the deceased male had been asked to leave a party that was taking place in the 4500 Block of East 26<sup>th</sup> Street. As he was leaving the residence where the party was occurring, an altercation ensued and several shots were fired. The male was struck by gunfire. He ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

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Additionally, a second male, described as a **18-year old Hispanic male**, involved in the altercation was assaulted and sustained non-life threatening injuries. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries, but is expected to survive them.

At this time, the specific motive and suspects associated to this incident are unknown. The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information regarding the suspect or motives related to this homicide to call **911 or 88-Crime**.

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